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INSTRUCTIONS

TO THE

LORD MAYOR OF LONDON,

1574-5 :

*Whereby he is to govern himself and
the City.*

By THOMAS NORTON,

REMBRANCER, AND ONE OF THE MEMBERS IN
PARLIAMENT FOR LONDON.

*Together with a Letter from him to Sir Francis
Walsingham, respecting the disorderly dealings
of Promoters.*

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*An Exhortation or Rule wherbie the L. Maior of
London is to order him selfe and the Citty.*

THER be manye reasons, which I ought not to doubt, that yowe do dailie call to mynde the waight of your chardge in the office of the L. Maior of London. Yowe are to remember howe great a thinge is the L. Maior, and of London so great a citie, the imperiall Chamber of so great a Prince, of our Sovereigne Ladie, the ymediate leestenaunte of the moste great and mightie God. Yowe are to thincke what truste her Majestie and her Progenitors have, and repose, in the corporate and politike bodie of her Citie of London, as to committ to our selves the naminge and choise of her deputed Chiefe Magistrate here, and of our owne governour. And howe upon hir Highenes pleasure well knowen, yowe have bene in one and honorable fourme receaved and allowed, and your care and fidelitie is from and for her Majestie committed to the kepinge of the place, the preservation of the estate, and the governmente of her people of London, a moste deere pretious jewell of the Crowne of England. Yowe are to have in mynde what strengthe of the Prince ys here kepte for her servyce, and for the realmes defence, what pollitie, what wealth, what order to be maintained for her use and honour for the common good, what multitudes of subiectes, aswell inhabitinge as repairinge, are to be provided for: yowe are not to forgett what care her Majestie and her counsell have now shewed them selves to have, that

London be in the chargde of a truſtie man, and what per-
ticuler proceedinges have browght yowe and leſte yowe in
your good acceptation and confidence, for which yowe are
highelie to thanke God and his miniſters: yowe muſt
therof gather what neceſſitie is laied unto you to anſwer
good expectation. And there with all your wakefulnes
muſte needes be a little increaſed by remembraunce whome
yowe ſuccede, I meane a predeceſſor who enteringe with
ſome hardnes of time, both for ſeaſon and matter, hath yet
by Gods bleſſinge and his good diligence, departed to the
good contentation of her Maieſtie, as by her pleaſure de-
clared to yowe bothe at the Barr of the honorable Court of
Exchequer hathe appeared, and to the good likinge of the
people, ſpeciallie the poore, whoſe often cauſes and dailie
needes aſke moſt helpe. And moſte thankfull voices have
commended hym to God, and teſtified him to men. If
yowe finde his verie good doinges, yowe ſhall finde the
more hardnes to matche and followe them: yf yowe finde
ſlacke doinges, yowe ſhall finde the more hardnes to ſup-
plie and amend them.

My Lorde, theiſe thinges are all ſpoken to this ende; to
ſhewe your difficulties and to ſharpen your care. Nowe,
fir, to your comforte, that yowe maie with the bolder cou-
rage not fainte under your charge, althowghe your ſelfe
remember them well ynoughe, yet gyve me leave, I praye
yowe of your good will, to put yowe in mynde of ſuche
thinges as owght to raiſe yowe to cherefulnes, and to a
gladſome and hopefull proceedinge with your heaue. but
yet noble burthen. God is your gracious God and true,
and that will not faile to performe his promiſes of aſſiſt-
aunce and bleſſinges to thoſe that ſincerlie indeavour them-

selves to their best to serve hym in their chardge, that humblie crave his aide, and assuredlie trust in his goodnes.

Our Soveraigne Ladie whome yowe shall serve is the moste noblie natured Prince in the worlde; and their with bothe so wise, as she wolde not have so farr trusted yowe yf she had not bene resolved well to truste yowe, and so gracious, as she will well allowe of all true, plaine and honest meanyege as in all your predecessors, and most expresselie in your woorthipfull Brother and frend Sr. Alexander Avenon, hathe appeared; and above other thinges her Highnes is so tenderlie mynded to her Citie of London as the well guidinge therof cannot but be in her consideration a most allowed and pleasaunte service.

Her most honorable Counsaile, as yowr selfe hath seene by dailie prooffe, not onelie have been continuall intercessors and meanes, by their good and loving reportes, for her Majesties good and favowrable inclination towards London, but also you knowe they have beene continuall advisers in dowbtes and ordinary releevors of your burthen by their counsailes and directions, and speciallie readie helpers with their auctoritie to supplie throughe oute the realme and else where suche matters as beinge needefull for London, yowe be usuallie dryven to sue for, as thinges that by your selves, withowte their helpps, cannot be attained.

Your selfe is blessed of God with sufficiencie for that experience which the honor of the place requirethe; by reason whereof yowe are not subject to suche neede as might make a manne apt to corruption, or to contempt: yowe bringe, I doubt not, an upright mynde to serve God and the Queene sincerelie: yowe have bene noted a man

of good charitable disposition, and a tender hart to yowr poore: yowe are not yonge; yow have not lyved obscurelie; you have had long experience, and bene in place of knowledge, and of bothe politique and judiciall understanding: yowe are joined with a sufficient nombre of wise and grave brethren and commons, beinge companions of a great parte of yowr chardge; some of them have passed the waie before yowe, and the rest have faied the passage of others, and alltogether shall fit with yowe, shall advise yowe, shall strengthen yowe, shall ease your travells, shall supplie your lackes, shall defend yowr doinges, shall to yow, with yow and for yow, gyve, establishe and maintaine direction, power, and countenance. Some of them have alreadye gyven yowe a good taste of their care for yowe, their good will to yowe, and their readines to travell with yowe, and have made it stande upon their owne worshipp and credit to assiste yowe.—Yowe have laft a predecessor that hath bothe troden yow the waie by example, and so donne as some fruite, I hope, yow shall finde of his and former provisions, and at his removinge to yelde the cure unto yow. Yowe knowe what goodnes of love and concord he promised yowe.

Yowe have a Recorder learned and painefull, and to her Majesties service dutifullie, to the Citie faithfullie, and to your selfe lovinglie affected: the comforte of feing you do well shall joie hym more then all the travells that yowe shall put hym to in advisinge yowe, or in labouring for yowe shall trouble hym: besides this pryvate dealinge for you, knowne to yowr selfe and some others, yowe cannot but remember howe lardgelie and howe fraunklie, and for what great thinges, and in what presence at the Exchequer

barr,^e in the rule and politike sight of our Sovereigne Ladie, and in the reall and actuall hearing of her most honorable counsaile, he undertoke in his owne personne, and published that the Citie of London which choose yowe, undertakethe for yowe that yowe shall performe the office of a good Maior of London, bothe in advauncinge of godlie religion and fidelitie to her Majestie and in good governaunce of her people, and that in all theis, besides your own industrie, yee wolde proceede by good and loiall counsaile. This was a liberall and thancke worthe assumption, and suche as yowe maie be fuer, for his owne creditts sake will enforce hym in all diligence, that yowe maie well and worshipfullie dischardege hym. Yowe have a painefull, carefull, and zealous Chamberlaine: yowe have an olde, diligent, experienced Common Sergeant: yowe have a readie and hable Towneclerke: yowe have a wife and well esteemed Solicitour: yowe have other Counsaillours, Clerkes, and Mynisters in matters of justice, equitie, and service, to informe yowe and intende yowe, in whome I thincke shalbe found no lacke.

Yowe have the generall forme of the fetled and true pollitie of the Citie of London so distributed and marshalled in ordre by the wysdome of oure forefathers as, lyke a heavye burthen parted and laied upon manie shoulders, or lyke a great woorke sorted into manie handes, the officers of wardes, parishes, and precincts, the companies with their Masters, Wardenns, and Governors, moste prudentlie assigned to everie woorcke and place, together with the orderlie formes, times, limitations, and circumstances, delivered by knowen and usuall presidentes, shall beare the waight with yowe, and make yowe to beare lighter.

And, fir, he canne be no good Citizen, muche lesse a good Brother of your Court, or a good officer, or partaker of your Counsailes, that shall for anie respect withdrawe his aid from you, or shall therein make anie unkinde accompte of your pryvate person, and not joine his beste indeavour for the common good of London, yowr case is suche as all wise men see howe yow cannot take hurte or lacke alone.

Yowe have [in] the auntient and late booke of this Citie the doinges of your predecessors recorded, their stepps traced owte and sett before yow, so as yowe shall have no cause of dispaire, but great cause of comfort and hope that yow shall passe yowr time with good dischardge of dutie, fatisfaction of conscience, over comming of expectations, and increafe of w[orship]. Amonge yowr other helpes, for my parte being thereto admonished by your requeastes and yowr Bretherens, and, namely, by the good and wise motion of your woorthippfull and lovinge Brother, Sr. Roweland Heward, I have perused over the repertories of certen Maiors times ; and, amongst the rest, I have gone throughe the bookes of his time : owte of those, for your ease and remembraunce, I have gathered this treatise following, which I have forted into two partes ; the one conteyninge certen thinges necessarie for yowr chardge that are not limited to any speciall time, but are suche as are not lyke a hande or foote or other instrumentall lymme placed in some certenn lymitte or parte of the bodie, but rather, lyke bloode, or fleshe are disperfed throughe owte the whole ; and therefore must, from yowr begynninge forward, be had in consideration and daile perused, untill they be fullie performed or furnished. The other parte settethe forthe certaine doinges that are lymited to ordinarie

or prescribed times, either by statutes of the realme, or upon paine, or by the speciall lawes and usages of London; and those be distincte into monethes accordinge to suche times as they have bene donne heretofore.

Now, my L., when yowe finde by theis matters that I have laied before yowe two thinges, the one what necessities lye upon yow to make yowe diligent and carefull; the other what helpps yow have to make yowe cheerefull and hopefull; the thirde thinge restithe. I gyve yow my poore advise what course is to be taken, and what meanes are to be used that with yowr diligence and care necessities maye be answered, and with yowr cherefull courage, and the fruites of yowr hopefull servyce, yowr harte, beinge good and true, maie be comforted.

Sr., yow are firste to have care of God. It is he that ministreth and prosperoufelic governethe all good meaninges: yt is he that guidethe all well doinges: it is he that gyveth the all good successe: it is he that hathe in his hande the hartes, the favors, and disavors of Kinges and Princes: yt is he to whose pleasinge, besides the respecte of fruite, all thinges and doinges are in mere dutie and conscience to be directed. Some particulars of your servyce to hym properlie are theis: that yow advaunce his religion, the true understandinge whereof he hathe revealed in his owne worde; and, thanks be to his grace, yt is with his worde publikelie and sincerely delivered by his moste excellent ministers, our moste gracious Soveraigne Ladies authoritie, that yowe give good countenance to the supplantation of favour, helpp, and credit to the preachers that shall come warranted to distribute so great a benefitt, whereby the people of yowr charge shall learne the right

waie of honoring God, faluation of their fowles, guidinge of their lyves, and yeeldinge of their obedience and duties. That yow do what in yow liethe to suppressse the boldnes and growing of daungerous sectes, and especiallie the herefie of Papistrie, which hathe, and is not onelie the damnable subverter of fowles, but also the universall enemye and supplanter of all iust crownes and kingedomes, and of all lawfull, civill, politics, states, and jurisdictions; and to this daie hathe donne, and at this daie dothe moste lamentable and manifestlie shewe yt felfe in imploying Christians against Christians in the servyce of the Papacy to have bynne, and to be the verie meanes of betrayinge Christians to the tyrannie of the Turke. Yowe must remember (as Augustus faied) the house of Cæsar muste be free, not onelie from cryme, but also from suspicion of crime; even so it behovethe that James Hawes, L. Maior of London, both for his name in personne, and place in office, be not onely cleere from infection, but also, in all reasonable understandinge, free from suspicion of favouringe the howse of Papistrie; which in deede cannot stande neither with true Christian conscience, nor with true Englishe alleadgaunce: *He that will none evill do, must do nothinge that longeth thereto.* The verie companie or contraction of futchē (for it is a ghostlie leprosie, and therefore infectious) muste be carefully shonned. When complaintes are brought againste them, they must be well examyned and ponished, or referred here for us: the case standethe nowē that state is conjoined with civill treason; for, althoughe it may be true that some Papistes are not Traytours, because some men are seduced of simplicitie or constrainte, yet it is also true that there is no Traitor to our Queene, but it is a Papiste,

yf he be of anie religion at all: for yow maie well knowe that no Christian (so call I a Gospellour) wilbe enemy to this estate. Yowe must thinke that yt maye happ yow to be tempted by some persons or cases that maye come before yow, wherein there is reasonne for yowr good frindes to hope that no inclination to so evill a side shalbe seene in yow. Yowe must frequent publike hearinges of the worde of God, common prayer, and ofte receivinge of the Communion, and the same yf yt maye be with your bretherne. O! what a sweete thing it is to feede on Christ, and by feeding on hym to have hym so made one with us, as by good digestion owr meate and drinke is made one with our fleashe and blood! What a thing is the Communion and incorporatinge of Christ into yow to the strengtheninge of your owne conscience! What a thing ys it to the unitinge of yowr bretherne the Aldermens harts to joine with yowe, to assiste yowe, and to quenche all stormes that maye sever the knot of yowr concord and godlie confederacy together! The Queenes Majesties most honorable Counsellors, to the notable example of all godlie rulers, use yt monethlie, the firste Sondaie of every monethe.

You muste, next God, have a care to serve her Majestie and content her. Remember that London ys the Queenes [Chambre], that owr Queene hath committed London to you, and to London yt selfe: when I name London, I name no small thinge: so great confidence askethe great correspondence: thus great truste beside the charge, and beside the paine of not well answeringe, dothe increase the burthen with the verie dutie of thanckfulnes and kindnes to so good a Prince, that loveth so well, and trusteth so muche. For discharge hereof in governaunce herken ever

upwarde, and take your light from above : there is no candle comparable to the Sonne. What directions to me from her Majestie or the Counsell, their intent must be noted, that their satisfaction maye be procured : their wordes muste be well wayghed that their commission be not exceeded, the meaninge not mysunderstood, the purpose not failed : diligence must be used that there be no lacke of retorne of answere.

Yowe muste retaine a mynde to doe right to everie personne ; heare bothe sides, that you maie understande aright. Remembre that yowe are by expresse mention sworne to defende the wyddowes and orphanes : your Courtes are called the Courtes of Orphanes : yowe knowe howe acceptable their causes are to God ; what a noble flower in the garlande of London is the custodie of orphanes and their portions ; howe Citizens children be thereby provided for, and many good young occupiers be releevd and advanced. Yowe see what long attendaunce manie verie good Citizens be dryven to suffre before they canne be let in, whereby, besides the hardnes of the bondes, may growe discouragement to the better forte to become recognitours. Wherefore you shall do well, whatsoever causes you have, being not speciall servyce of her Majestie, to take ordre that, at some convenient time of every Court, Orphanes matters be harde, and not delaied. And she gave me leave to saie a little in a great matter that shalbe to yowr comforte and honor : yt shall comforte yowr conscience hereafter, your childrens children shall feelee the fruite of yt hereafter, yf that yowe wilbe a meane that, as childrens portions be well looked unto, so their personnes hereafter maye be better cared for. Yow see the dailie stealinge,

sellinge and inveiglinge of them at tender yeares by rascalls, and men of the worste forte bothe for value and honestie, to the flaunder of good governaunce, and to the great grieve of worshipfull and honest parentes, and to the utter dissolvinge to the chaste, vertuous and severe bringinge up of yowthe in awe of aucthoritie. Let no such offence be lightlie dispensed with: yf anie of your bretherne shalbe a meane for easie pardonne in suche cases, let hym be put in mynde of his oathe, and ymagine the case to be of his owne childe, for generall fathers be you all in offyce. It ys good cheape yf the price of stealinge an Aldermans or Citizens childe be but xij*d.* in the pounce: so, manie times xxx*s.* is a great rewarde for hym for whome a Rape is to[o] lyttle: children be deere possessions.

Good my Lorde, in the reverent respect of God, her Majestie and this Citie, to whome yowe are bounde by oathe, with renouncing of Gods helpe yf yow faile, and for the peril to be avoided, and for the fruite to ensue to yowr owne posteritie, be severe in this case: preserve the fame of your aucthoritie that, besides all other inconveniences, the Cities custodie and government of the bodies of Orphanes become not saleable by lewde practizes, grevous to good Citizens and flaunderous to the worlde. And though the matches be otherwise good and convenable ynowghe, yet thinges wolde have ordre, parentes wolde not have grieve, and the mutuall provision for the Orphanes wolde not by prevention be destitute of the frendes foresight. Evell examples abounde in this behalfe of late, and especiallie since a father of the Court joyned with a forren jurisdiction against the Court in the defence of a stolen covennte.

Yowe muste be carefull for provision of victuall, fewell,

and all thinges necessarie ; and that of all thinges there be true and holosome stufte, good affize, iuste weight and measure, and prices reasonable : wherein yowr best pollities shalbe by encouragement to permit, and by good foresight not to let slipp the best times of providinge or bringinge.

Amonge all your cares do iustice with discretion, execute lawes uprightlie and kepe order : have ever still a pitifull eye to the poore, and whensoever you see the poore, cravinge, needinge, yowe aide them in anie thing, savinge to do wronge. Ymagine that yowe see Christe begginge in the poore bodies personns. To this good affection yow have bynne ever thought well disposed, and therefore I make fewe wordes abowte yt, onely for yowr owne soules sake I wolde admonishe that yow doe almes as dutie, and not accompt them as meritt : the one is acceptable to humilitie, the other is arrogant in superstition. In the generall course of governynge the Citie, of ministring iustice, of endinge causes, of considering suites, of ponishing faultes, of distributinge offices, and chardges of makinge or executinge lawes or commaundementes, and also in particuler performinge of thinges enjoyned from above, and generallie in all thinges when the secret commaunde doth permitte yowe, yt is good that all be donne with your Brethernes advice and assent : yf they devise the best waie, let them allowe yt : this waie ys surest for wysedome and strongest concord : suche warrant of agreement shall bothe direct yowe to do, and defende yowe when yowe have donne. Yowe shall finde great ease yf yowe wilbe a meane that in yowr Courtes and consultations be kept sage and comely ordre, suche as befemeethe so grave personages, that men lovinglie and freelie delyver their opynions, that they be quietlie

and orderlie harde, that Counsell be secretelie kept, that confession be avoided, that constancie and silence be observed, that no man for affection contend to preserve any pryvate cause before dutie, justice, and the common good of the Citie; that there be no sodaine leapinge from one thinge to an other before the former matter be ended; for otherwyse yt loosethe time and labour, yt darkenethe understandinge, yt hinderethe expedition, yt wearyethe attendaunts, yt makethe in manie doinges nothinge to be donne, and it defames yowr good discretions.

Speciall orders wolde be obtained amonge yowe, that yowe that rule us all by auſthoritie may rule your selves by reason; wherein ys to be noted that the first begynnyng of good rule ys to rule your hartes, that they be sincere and uncorrupted, and according to the abundance thereof yowr mouthes shall speake. And fuerly, sir, I have set in your presence and noted that which I have ells where seene in greatter places, the wisest man is the moste yeldinge to an other better reason.

In counsell takeing yt shalbe good to use men accordinge to their skill. For lawe Mr. Recorder, and those whose profession it is are to be called and harkened unto: for matters of experience those that have longest knowen them: for matters of Arts those that be most skilfull in them; and, amonge all other, for orders and thinges before passed, the presidents of our fathers are to be used. In matters specialle publique, let rashnes be avoided, and good time of consideration taken: in matters specialle pryvate, you shall muche ease your selfe, and best finde the best waye, and surest to do lest wrong, by committinge manie thinges to chosen men to examyne and reporte. And ever in ponish-

ments have your respect to tyme to come, for example, and not to time paste: for revenge, love those paines that will moste enforce the parties to amend; that ys to ponishe the poore by money that careth lytle for shame, and the ryche manne by shame who is little reformed by a lyttle losse of money.

And one note out of place, that shoulde before have bene spoken: the presente time requirith yowe to have good care and use good meanes towching the contagion of sickenes, that the sicke be kept from the whole, that the places of persons infected be made plaine to be known and the more releevd; that sweetenes and holmes of publique places be provided for; that unnecessarie and fearfull honeste resorts to plaies, to shewes to thoccasion of thronges and presse, except to the servyce of God; and especiallie the assemblies to the unchaste, shamelesse and unnaturall tomblinge of the Italion Weomen maye be avoided: to offend God and honestie is not to cease a plague.

As towching the use of this booke, which is drawn owte of our presidentes, yt is thend to be ordered.

The generall thinges, not lymited to times, are from the begynnynge of yowr course dailie, or often, to be perused untill they be performed; and suche wherein, yf yow shall have once proceeded to effect, yt were good to note with a marke in the margin as thinges passed yf they require a contynuaunce, or a second, or after doinge or newinge, an other marke maye be added for remembraunce. So shall it ever fall readie to the eye, what ys donne, or what ys to be undone; for thinges that have their prescribed times, and so be set under the titles of everie severall monethe, yt is good dutie to reade over the thinges of the monethes

wherein you then be, still notinge in the margin what thinges are performed : yt is good also dailie to peruse over those monethes that are passed, to consider what thinges be left undonne in the former monethes, and remaine to be expedited in the time followinge, for lacke of leasure or oportunitie before. It is good also to reade over the monethes that shall next followe, to see yf anie thinge in the moneth followinge do require preparation or warnynge in the monethe presente.

It maye also be that, besides matters whercof be former presidentes alreadie, some newe thinges maie be decreed to be done hereafter. Those, when they be decreed, yt were good to enter into yowr booke under that monethe or time wherein they are to be donne, for which cause there ys voide paper left for every monethe. Yowe must not looke to finde a large discription howe and in whate forme every thinge ys to be donne that ys heare mentioned ; for so shoulde the booke have bene to large for yowr use, and yet impossible to have the whole therein fullie conteyned : for besides the orders appearinge in your bookes, and knowne usages, the moste thinges for the manner are from time to time, as causes and circumstances shall fall owte to be directed by yowr brothers advises, which yt were not possible for me to sett downe aforehande. This booke holdethe onelie titlings of thinges to be donne, without tellinge howe to avoide forgettinge and negligence, and to escape the penalties of omittinge in due time.

It maye be also that in time to come the booke maye be made perfect, both with increase of matter and fuller pretensions of ordre ; but this in the whole, I doubt not, will serve your torne to verie good purpose.

Nowe, lastlie, my L., yowe muste not forget that God is the gyver of all good thinges : yowe muste resorte to hym dailie by praier, and to pray with harte; not suffred to say over *Our Father*, but to weighe everie petition, and joine thereto a moste affectuous desire to obtaine yt accordinge to his will. In that the Lordes praier, so ofte as you faie yt, when yowe come to this place, *our dailie bread*, yowe must remember, that there ys not comprised bread onelie, but therein is ment all thinges that are necessarie for this present lyfe; and amonge othe^r thinges his blessinge, that yowe maie answere yowr charge in governaunce. And, according to that warrant of Christe who, in the generall worde *bread*, hath contained the furtheraunce of yowr successe in yowr dutie, I have drawen for yowe a shorte forme of speciall prayer applied to yowr office, which I have written before the notes of the booke yt selfe. I have not drawen yt as prescribinge yowe a patterne of wordes, but admonishing yowe of directing yowr affection as the spirit of God shall guide yowe. They be good partes, and good notes, of a perfect religion to stablishe devotion and charitie : yowe muste of devotion praye hartelie that yowe maye obtaine effectuallie : yowe must of compassion do charitablie, that manie maye praye for and with yowe. I cowlde gladlie wyshe that some lyke forme of prayer might dailie be used in yowr Court and Counsell Chamber by yowe and all yowr bretherne before yow enter into causes. It is so used in the Parliament, and he praiethe to the [blank in MS.] that comethe to late to be presente; and, thowghe suche use be but of late, I truste it shalbe contynued and growe to be olde; and, fuerlie, I speake yt of good harte to yowr selfe, I hertelie wyshe to yowe

the honor and blessing to have it begonne in yower tyme.

Sir, I am bothe a Citizen and here brought upp: accordinge to my right, I have accepted my fredome, and bounde my selfe to this Citie by the oathe of a free manne. I have served, and do remaine at this presente, in truste and in chardge to serve the Citie in Parliament: I have placed my dwelling here and do take my parte of the Cities good provision: I am the Cities officer and called to their Counsaill: I have the Cities fee, and owe myne attendaunce. Thus, manie thinges beside the love of my country and the speciall requeste made for this matter, and some perticular good will, which, I thinke you make accompte that I do beare yowe, have moved me not onelie to drawe thes bookes, but also to add theis devises. I praie yowe to take them in good parte, and therewith my readines to do the Citie and yowe in your place the best servyce I canne: and I shall count my labours best accepted, when I shall see and be wytnes of yowr good endeavours accordinglie: of the which, as of the doinges of a manne well and sincerely mynded, discrete, and conformable to all good advises for satisfaction of yowr duties to God and to her Majestie, and to the place that they have called yow, I do conceive hopefullie, and praye for yt hartilie.

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